



ACAC Grants Committee (Arlington Cultural Council)

Date: November 14, 2022

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Conducted by remote participation

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pd-ihqjsiGtSFp2pnW162JLDeAtozmsnx>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Attendance (p=present, x=absent)

Kristin Bedard	p	Nancy Gray	p
Todd Brunel	p	Brian McMurray	p
Andrew Conway	x	Emily Reynolds	p

MINUTES

Administrative items

1. Confirm access, introduce remote meeting and provide instructions
2. Vote on approval of past meeting minutes: 10/17/22: Kristin moved approval, Todd seconded. Unanimous vote.

Committee officer updates

3. Treasurer update: N/A, Andrew is absent.
4. Secretary update: Emily has no news to report.
5. Publicity update: Todd posted our application information on Facebook, sent to YourArlington, tweeted. Todd notices that our FB page doesn't get much attention and would like to discuss. Nancy noted that holding a reception for our grantees could help increase engagement. Emily suggested further engagement with ACAC; Brian will connect Todd with ACAC's publicity/outreach contact. Kristin will also work with Todd.
6. ACAC Liaison update: Brian notes that the ACAC website is being refreshed, giving an opportunity for us to update our information there. We can also streamline our branding (ACC vs. ACAC Grants Committee). ACAC is planning for the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, which will involve town-wide commemoration and events. Possible opportunity to update 2023 or 2024 grant guidelines to reflect town priorities.

Grant cycle discussion

7. 2021 grant cycle: True Story Theater final report (Todd). Christopher Ellinger joined us to provide updates on this project, which was impacted by the pandemic and ended up with fewer

events than planned. The committee was encouraged to exercise flexibility for projects impacted by COVID, and this is a situation where we can do so. Emily moved approval of the final report, Kristin seconded. Unanimous approval. Christopher provided an update on True Story Theater's work with the Arlington Council on Aging and Arlington Public Library regarding disability rights. Jillian Harvey (town's DEI Coordinator) is interested in more work regarding neurodiversity; True Story Theater has submitted a proposal to the committee on this topic. Christopher inquired about the previous preference that grantees not receive funding four years in a row. Emily and Todd noted that the committee values sustainability, partnerships, community engagement, and responsiveness to community need – regardless of the number of grants received previously. Christopher also reflected on the ways in which new parts of the town's organization can work with artists, such as with the police department, the DEI office, etc.

8. 2022 grant cycle discussion:

- a. Updates about grantee projects
- b. Vote on final reports, if applicable: Reports received from Diane Wong and True Story Theater. Todd moved approval, Emily seconded. Unanimous approval. We are missing several reports from FY22, committee members will follow up. Nancy is waiting on a revised report from John Dalton.
- c. Vote on project changes/extensions, if applicable

9. 2023 grant cycle discussion:

- a. Review of timeline/next steps: The panel book is available; we have received 38 applications. We will meet to discuss and vote on 12/5 at 6:30pm; reserved first floor conference room in the Town Hall annex. Brian walked through the application scoring spreadsheet mechanics. All members to complete application scoring by our in-person meeting on 12/5.

Other business

- 10. New business: We are trying to get the town website updated to include a correct committee roster.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm by unanimous vote.

Submitted by Emily Reynolds